STATE OF MICHIGAN

GROUP ONE

BEHAVIORALLY ANCHORED RATING SCALES

ADAPTABILITY

Maintaining effectiveness when experiencing major changes in personal work tasks or the work environment; adjusting effectively to work within new work structures, processes, requirements or cultures.

	Needs Improvement		Meets Expectations		High Performing
	Procrastinates when there is needed change of adjustments.		Approaches change with a positive attitude.	•	Anticipates change and creates backup plans before change occurs.
-	Consistently exhibits a negative attitude toward change.	-	Exhibits willingness to comply with change; takes change in stride.	-	Consistently copes with change without incident.
:	Challenges new work procedures. Avoids complying with new requirements or work situations. Exhibits aversion to change. Consistently complains about change.		Quickly responds to change and determines need for additional adjustments. Copes with change without incident. Carries out instructions as given for implementing new tasks/procedures.	•	Understands the need for change and embraces new work procedures. Consistently exhibits optimism, enthusiasm for change. Consistently overcomes obstacles resulting from change.
•	Fails or hesitates to implement change as required. Refuses to accommodate unexpected requests. Does not attempt to understand change.	•	Quickly modifies behavior to deal effectively with change. Understands that unforeseen changes occur and willingly incorporates them into personal work routine. Maintains quality of work when change occurs in the work environment.	-	Promotes acceptance of change by showing empathy; creates "win-win" scenarios, giving examples and explanations. Consistently acknowledges possible outcomes of change and plans accordingly. Remains focused while experiencing change.
				•	Consistently able to adjust approach to accommodate unique situations.

APPLIED LEARNING

Assimilating and applying new job-related information in a timely manner.

Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	High Performing
Fails to utilize new knowledge or information in own work.	Shares new information and ideas.Assimilates new information, knowledge,	 Rapidly absorbs and comprehends new information.
 Frequently needs instruction/guidance. Unwilling to assimilate and apply new job-related information. 	skill and ability, in relation to the work or work area. Applies new knowledge and information.	 Actively seeks out new knowledge to utilize in work processes. Adds to job knowledge through self-study.
 Unwilling to comprehend training and information related to effective job performance. Fails to acknowledge and share new information and its impact on the work area. Does not seek answers or additional training when information is unclear. Waits for others to apply new skills, information, procedures. 	 Requests employer-sponsored training. Comprehends information gained from written and verbal sources and training. Seeks additional clarification if information is unclear. Furthers learning through trial and error. Shows interest in personal and professional development and utilizes available resources to expand abilities. 	 Works to eliminate barriers to new applications of knowledge, skill, and ability. Uses new information to develop procedures and formats to streamline tasks. Consistently seeks to learn and perform different tasks, new responsibilities. Regularly helps others by sharing information related to training.
■ Does not participate in learning activities.		

BUILDING CUSTOMER LOYALTY

Effectively meeting customer needs; building productive customer relationships; taking responsibility for customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	High Performing	
 Does not ask appropriate questions to determine customer needs. 	 Validates customer concerns by using active listening. 	Gives the customer extra information that can be helpful.	
• Offers "quick fixes" that fail to solve the problem or meet the need.	 Consistently checks understanding and perception of problem from customer 	 Projects a highly energetic and enthusiastic attitude when interacting with customers. 	
 Does not help the customer feel valued or appreciated. 	perspective. Exhibits understanding of the importance	Places customer as high priority.Displays a "whatever it takes," "above and	
 Provides misleading or incorrect information to customers. 	of customer relationships by expressing concern, following up, and resolving issues promptly.	beyond," approach to satisfying the needs of the customer.	
Shows disrespect through comments and actions.	■ Is professional, polite and courteous.	 Spends time listening to customer concerns to help customer feel valued. 	
Fails to provide information in a timely manner; fails to follow up with customer	Provides accurate and timely responses to customers and resolves customer issues.	Takes a personal interest in the customer as appropriate.	
 concerns. Shows impatience in dealing with customers. Shows general disregard and apathy 	 Has a welcoming, helpful attitude. Takes personal responsibility for meeting needs. Displays authentic concern to and for the 	Is proactively providing information to customers when they don't understand how to communicate their needs (or don't know what they need.)	
toward customers. ■ Uses policy and procedures as a barrier.	 Balances provision of information with customers' capability to understand technical information. 	 Consistently checks for understanding and satisfaction. Places customer as high priority, responding ahead of schedule or unexpectedly; seeking out customer needs before customer expresses them. 	

COMMUNICATION

Clearly conveying and receiving information and ideas through a variety of media to individuals or groups in a manner that engages the audience, helps them understand and retain the message, and permits response and feedback from the audience.

	Needs Improvement		Meets Expectations		High Performing	
•	Does not pass on information in a timely manner.	in	orrectly interprets messages as reflected a quality of work and interaction with	•	Consistently checks for understanding by relating perception of message content back to communicator.	
	Is reluctant to share ideas, participate in discussions, and give feedback. Exhibits unwillingness to listen. Fails to correctly convey meaning; fails to perceive receiver's interpretation. Fails to correctly interpret communication from others.	■ G	 Correctly conveys information, both verbally and in written form. Responds to others; acknowledges receipt of communication. Keeps others' attention using various 	 Has e comm Cons impor Finds system 	Has exceptional verbal and written communication skills. Consistently clarifies purpose and importance of message. Finds new communication uses for systems; creates new methods of message delivery for correct interpretation.	
	Uses state communication equipment for personal use. Fails to organize the communication. Does not seek clarification from others	Communicates verbally with appropriate tone and volume level; acknowledges effect of "tone" in written communication.	 Communicates verbally with appropriate tone and volume level; acknowledges 	Communicates verbally with appropriate tone and volume level; acknowledges effect of "tone" in written communication.	•	Effectively and consistently identifies understanding level of others and communicates at appropriate level. Able to relay complicated information to
•	when message is unclear. Frequently uses incorrect grammar and spelling in work product or communications.		appropriately.	•	listeners so the listeners correctly interpret the message. Is unusually/highly skilled at using questions and comments to draw appropriate information from others on	
•	Is often asked for clarification of written work and verbal communications. Avoids interaction/communication with others whenever possible.			•	phone and in person. Drafts non-routine correspondence; is final reviewer of routine and non-routine correspondence and documents.	

CONTRIBUTING TO TEAM SUCCESS

Actively participating as a member of a team to move the team toward the completion of goals.

	Needs Improvement		Meets Expectations		High Performing
•	Tasks are often left for others to complete.		Completes fair share of responsibilities.		nsistently uses skill and expertise to lead
-	Ignores team and organizational goals.	•	Helps others perform tasks and reach	_	up initiatives and support work group orts.
•	Avoids project participation; volunteers only for "menial" project activities.	-	goals. Shares knowledge and information in order to complete activities.		lps others achieve without expectation ecognition.
-	Hoards knowledge or information that may assist team in reaching goals.	-	Willingly acts as a back up to coworkers.		sists fellow team members and takes on led responsibility without being asked.
•	Fails to volunteer skills and ability to contribute to goal attainment.	•	Embraces the team concept and works to achieve team goals.		kes suggestions striving to improve m performance.
-	Will not assist coworkers in the learning process.	-	Serves as an active member on project teams.		nsistently provides positive nforcement and encouragement to
•	Does not support coworkers.	•	Participates and contributes in team		ow team members.
•	Does not give input in meetings; avoids		meetings.	■ Con	nsistently focuses on the team's goals.
	sharing thoughts/input.	•	Fulfills individual responsibilities by meeting deadlines.		nds team using informal guidance; res knowledge, experience and
		•	Subordinates own personal goals for the	exp	pertise.
			good of the team.		nsistently demonstrates personal nmitment to the team.

DECISION MAKING

Identifying and understanding issues, problems, and opportunities; comparing data from different sources to draw conclusions; using effective approaches for choosing a course of action or developing appropriate solutions; taking action that is consistent with available facts, constraints, and probable consequences.

Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	High Performing
■ Does not take responsibility for making even routine decisions; leaves decision	Makes quality decisions within a reasonable timeframe.	 Anticipates possible problems with decisions and develops solutions.
making to others. Unable to make decisions on issues and	 Uses resources and experiences to make a decision. 	 Consistently makes decisions in a timely manner.
problems related to work area.Makes decisions beyond scope of authority.	Able to make decisions on issues and problems related to the work.	 Willing to accept responsibility for decisions even if results were less than optimal.
■ Does not attempt to seek solutions.	 Draws from experience, analyses, and/or reference to reach conclusions. 	 Consistently solves issues using past experience and analyses to avoid potential
 Fails to draw from past experience for problem solving. 	 Addresses problem areas and makes decisions for corrections. 	problems.
 Ignores problems rather than making a decision on action required. 	Brings complex problems to supervisor, but also brings ideas to resolve them.	 Consistently creates relevant options for addressing problems.
Does not make decisions in a timely manner.	 Promptly addresses new problems or opportunities encountered in work. 	Looks for opportunities to solve issues before they become problems.
 Consistently needs more and more information before making a routine 	 Recognizes impact of decisions affecting work area. 	 Looks for ways to improve decision- making processes.
decision.		Anticipates consequences of actions before making decisions.

IMPACT

Creating a good first impression, commanding attention and respect, showing an air of confidence.

Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	High Performing
■ Shows a lack of confidence or knowledge.	■ Maintains a professional image.	■ Consistently dresses in a professional
Substandard grooming; is unkempt and	■ Dresses in a manner consistent with	manner; grooming is impeccable.
not dressed properly for job activities. Exhibits meek, fearful, or arrogant	position and grooming is appropriate.	Perceived as a positive and informal leader.
demeanor.	 Is decisive; takes charge of environment; is calm and in control. 	■ Rarely shows a sense of nervousness or
■ Is aggressive, rather than assertive.	■ Is assertive and polite in answering	being overly anxious.
■ Presents self in a non-professional	difficult questions and giving bad news.	Listens to others' concerns with interest.
manner.	Responds openly and warmly when appropriate.	 Consistently displays a professional demeanor.
Does not speak with a self-assured tone of		
voice.	Speaks with a self-assured voice using appropriate language skills.	Consistently displays an air of confidence.
	■ Calming and reassuring in tone and	Commands a high degree of respect.
	manner.	Has a high level of confidence and gains respect through daily interactions with
	■ Works toward commanding attention	others.
	and respect.	■ Gains confidence of others.

INITIATING ACTION

Taking prompt action to accomplish objectives; taking action to achieve goals beyond what is required; being proactive.

	Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	High Performing
•	Does not take appropriate action to accomplish tasks.	■ Takes appropriate action to accomplish tasks.	 Proactively takes action based on legitimate need.
:	Is not proactive; but reactive; avoids work. Is content with status quo. Fails to take on work; tasks and deadlines must be assigned. Fails to follow through on	 Takes action when appropriate; does not wait for others to take action. Takes timely action to complete objectives and achieve goals. Takes independent action to implement new ideas. 	 Anticipates situations and plans appropriate responses. Takes action to achieve goals ahead of schedule; anxious to complete high-quality and timely work. Anticipates setting new goals as experience
•	projects/processes. Does not take action to meet job requirements and achieve objectives. Spends too much time "assessing" rather than solving. Takes action only as instructed.	 Takes action that goes beyond the requirements of the job. Performs daily tasks effectively and in a timely manner. Follows through on projects/processes. Takes immediate action when made aware of a problem. 	 Anticipates setting new goals as experience and knowledge increases. Consistently seeks out new assignments or issues to resolve; starts new projects/processes independently. Completes complex assignments requiring interaction with other areas or resources. Able to find interim solutions quickly to meet an unusual or immediate need. Creatively identifies strategies for new action.

INNOVATION

Generating innovative solutions in work situations; trying different and novel ways to deal with work problems and opportunities.

Needs Improvement		Meets Expectations	High Performing
 Unwilling to consider different me of accomplishing work objectives. 	thods	Considers and accepts alternative ways to view or define problems, or accomplish	Suggests new methods to complete work objectives; attempts to engage others using enthusiasm and data.
Avoids new and different solutions not value positive change.		work objectives. Accepts new opportunities and activities, if offered.	 Creates pioneering or inventive methods, ideas, and solutions.
Fails to employ alternatives to comjob.Refuses to try new processes.	iplete	Considers alternative methods to complete work and/or resolve issues.	■ Is consistently receptive to trying different approaches to dealing with work-related
Lacks creativity, inventiveness, originality.	•	Develops solutions that address meaningful work issues.	problems. Employs creative alternatives, novel ways
 Does not view situations from mul perspectives. 	tiple	Is creative, imaginative in crafting solutions.	to resolve issues. Shares new alternatives with others.
■ Unable to generate creative, invent	ive, or	Explores new processes.	Generates new processes.
imaginative ideas.	•	Researches alternative solutions; purposely seeks out new resources,	 Consistently explores new processes to better perform tasks.
 Does not explore different areas of thought or approaches to solve pro 		gadgets, solutions, etc.	Demonstrates outstanding problem-solving
		Uses a logical approach to problems or issues in order to think out impact of new resolutions.	skills.

INTEGRITY/HONESTY

Contributing to maintaining the integrity of the organization; displaying high standards of ethical conduct and understanding the impact of violating these standards on the organization, self, and others; is trustworthy.

Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	High Performing
Does not treat others fairly/equitably.Violates confidentiality standards.	■ Treats others fairly/equitably and with dignity.	High level of integrity and ethical behavior serves as a model for others.
 Attempts to conceal errors. Does not demonstrate honesty. Lies to avoid accountability. Evades answering questions and is 	 Keeps commitments. Takes responsibility for one's own actions. Treats others fairly/equitably. Is trustworthy with confidential information. 	 Consistently demonstrates excellent work ethics. Consistently treats others with respect. Maintains a high level of confidentiality. Consistently shares thoughts feelings and
secretive about rationale, position, etc. Exhibits deception. Does not give proper credit to others. Continually violates work rules. Does not keep promises or commitments.	 Exhibits honest work ethics and fulfills expectations. Shares thoughts, feelings, and rationale so that others understand personal positions. Remains professional and impartial; displays objectivity. Abides by work rules. Does not spread gossip, but seeks to confirm work-related information, if applicable. 	 Consistently shares thoughts, feelings, and rationale so that others understand personal positions. Anticipates ethical issues and their impact and works to avoid/correct. Gives proper credit to others. Gains a high level of respect from others based on integrity of past actions.

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Considering and responding appropriately to the needs, feelings, and capabilities of others; adjusting approaches to suite different people and situations; and representing the agency to the public and other agencies in a courteous and pleasant manner.

	Needs Improvement		Meets Expectations		High Performing
•	Is inconsiderate to others and their feelings.	•	Helps others to feel valued by showing empathy, respect, patience, and	•	Listens and asks questions to assure understanding and appropriate response.
•	All matters are dealt with in like manner.		truthfulness.	•	Fosters pleasant work environment by
-	Shows no concern or acknowledgement of individuality of others or of situations.	•	Aware of distinct personality types of others and is able to tailor interactions appropriately.		eliminating barriers to miscommunication and recognizing each person's contribution to the team.
•	Does not try to build effective working relationships.	•	Takes into consideration all aspects of a situation before responding to an	•	Able to mediate disputes and diffuse tense situations.
-	Does not exhibit empathy.		individual.	-	Actively seeks feedback from others to
-	Incorrectly interprets emotions, actions or	•	Helps people feel valued, appreciated, and		identify ways to improve.
	messages of others.		included in discussions.	•	Anticipates actions, arguments from
•	Thinks only of self; shows disregard for effects of own actions on others.	•	Establishes positive relationships; values the contribution of differences.		others' perspective and responds appropriately.
-	Does not help people feel valued, appreciated, and included in discussions.	•	Collaborates well with others to work toward a common goal.	•	Consistently recognizes differences in skill levels and encourages others to improve,
•	Spends too much time socializing; participates in cliques, gossip, and	•	Acknowledges needs, feelings, and capabilities of others.		with appropriate suggestions on how to do so.
	whispering.			•	Consistently treats others with courtesy
-	Disrespects others.				and respect.
-	Responds inappropriately using tones suggesting disgust, anger, or lack of			•	When representing agency, shows agency in best possible light.
	importance.				Maintains courtesy to others in high stress/pressure situations.

MANAGING WORK

Effectively managing one's time and resources to ensure that work is completed efficiently; makes timely requests for sick/annual leave time; utilizes sick leave appropriately; and reports for work and returns from breaks and lunch in a timely manner.

Needs Improvement		Meets Expectations		High Performing	
•	Does not manage time well; is often late or absent; abuses break time.	-	Prioritizes tasks; adjusts priorities when appropriate.	•	Has an excellent attendance record; is rarely absent.
•	Takes excessive time off. Uses sick time in conjunction with regular	•	Uses time effectively, rarely late for work, rarely unexpectedly absent.	•	Consistently uses time effectively, completes work in a timely manner.
-	days off.	•	Completes work in a timely manner.	-	Consistently accommodates rush requests
•	Does not take into account agency needs	•	Willing to work overtime, when necessary.		with minimal interruption to work flow.
	when requesting or using leave time.	•	Uses leave time appropriately.	•	Completes tasks well in advance of deadlines.
•	Work is not completed in a timely manner or at all; misses deadlines.	•	Meets project deadlines.		Consistently takes advantage of available
-	Leaves task for others to complete.	•	Considers others when utilizing leave; plans ahead for absences.		resources and tools to complete work efficiently.
•	Does not allocate sufficient time to complete work tasks.	•	Meets organizational goals.	•	Uses time effectively to complete all tasks, even the less desirable aspects.
•	Unwilling to stay late to accommodate rush requests.	•	Uses appropriate time constraints to complete all tasks, even the less desirable aspects.	•	Continually identifies more critical and less critical activities and tasks and adjusts
•	Lacks general knowledge of equipment, resulting in inefficiency.	-	Uses time effectively and prevents irrelevant issues or distractions from		appropriately. Willing to go above and beyond normal
-	Starts job blindly rather than asking for		interfering with work completion.		job expectations.
	assistance when clarification is needed.	•	Has good knowledge of work tools; uses		
•	Attempts to get tasks reassigned to other employees.		appropriate work tools and methods for efficiency.		
			Maintains steady productivity/concern for work rules even without direct supervision.		

QUALITY ORIENTATION

Accomplishing tasks by considering all areas involved, no matter how small; showing concern for all aspects of the job; accurately checking processes and tasks, being watchful over a period of time.

Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	High Performing	
Work is not thorough and is inaccurate, continues to make the same mistakes.	 Follows established procedures for completing work tasks. 	Assures all processes and tasks are thoroughly checked and makes appropriate	
 Does not act appropriately in situations affecting quality of work. Shows little regard for accountability. Lacks attention to detail. Does not provide feedback to management when unable to meet time or quality expectations. Ignores small errors that occur at one's stage of the process; shows disregard for effects on other parts of the process. Knowingly performs work with disregard for processes or procedures. Quality of work does not follow norm of work group; work is substandard given knowledge and experience. 	 Demonstrates a good balance of productivity and quality of work. Does not rely on others to check quality of work. Provides new ideas and input for improvements. Makes certain that work is done as accurately as possible. Tracks work to ensure quality. Displays positive attitude regardless of task "level." Quality of work is equivalent to that of team members with similar level of knowledge and experience. Completes tasks with concern for the big picture. 	 thoroughly checked and makes appropriate corrections when necessary. Follows work through entire process to ensure correct outcomes. Develops and proposes quality improvements. Works to eliminate barriers to quality. Ensures accuracy before passing along to the next person. Suggests correct or better ways to complete tasks if given inaccurate or incorrect procedures. Consistently makes sure all details are accurate and complete before considering a project complete. Always looking for ways to improve. Consistently follows work procedures accurately and carefully. Quality of work exceeds that of team members with similar level of knowledge and experience. Knows all aspects of the process, not just 	

SAFETY **A**WARENESS

Being aware of conditions that affect employee safety.

Needs Improvement		Meets Expectations		High Performing	
•	Not concerned with the safety of self or others.	•	Reports unsafe working conditions, safety issues, hazards.	•	Makes appropriate recommendations for safety/security improvements.
•	Fails to adhere to safety policies and procedures.	•	Routinely maintains materials and equipment.	•	Promotes safety awareness; coaches others on safe practices.
•	Practices unsafe work habits.	-	Practices safe work habits.	•	Plans and implements new safety programs
•	Ignores dangerous conditions.	•	Wears proper safety equipment (personal		or approaches.
-	Unaware of and/or unconcerned about		protective gear.)	•	Seeks out and reports safety hazards and takes necessary actions to warn and protect
	how mistakes affect others' safety.	-	Follows safety/security/custody policy and procedures appropriate to work area.		others.
-	Forgets/neglects to report safety problems.			•	Seeks to improve/aids in the development
•	Lacks general knowledge of equipment	•	General safety knowledge of all equipment.		of safety procedures and practices.
	and safe/appropriate operation of the same.	•	General knowledge of all	-	Tries to anticipate safety issues and correct
1_	Creates safety hazards.		machines/equipment in work area and the		before occurrence.
•	ř		hazards associated with them.	•	Consistently checks work area for unsafe
•	Takes short cuts to get the job done quicker, regardless of safety issues.	•	Does not take short cuts that could compromise safety.		conditions.

STRESS TOLERANCE

Maintaining stable performance under pressure or opposition (such as time pressure or job ambiguity); handling stress in a manner that is acceptable to others and to the organization.

Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	High Performing		
 Is unable to work well under pressure. Does not stay focused during times of stress. Loses temper and is outwardly angry or aggressive under stress. Needs to frequently remove oneself from stressful situations. Does not present a positive disposition; does not maintain constructive interpersonal relationships when under stress. Does not develop appropriate strategies needed to alter conditions that create stress and sustain physical and mental health. Uses unacceptable actions, gestures, or words in stressful situations. 	 Stays focused on issues and facts when under stress. Adapts to stress; alters response based on situation. Steady performer; performance does not suffer when exposed to stress. Does not collapse under pressure. Presents a positive disposition and maintains constructive interpersonal relationships when under stress. Works well under pressure. Is courteous to others in high stress/pressure situations. 	 Does not let emotion affect judgment; relies on facts and data to form and carry out appropriate responses in stressful situations. Stays focused on issues and facts when under stress. Consistently remains calm in face of added stress. Takes an active role in eliminating stress in the workplace. Effectively adapts to stress; alters response based on situation. Consistently performs well under the most rigorous and changing of conditions. Responds appropriately to opposition; uses aggressive response only in the context of acceptable behavior within policies and procedures. Is able to think on one's feet; able to evaluate situation and possible responses quickly and accurately. Demeanor and character diffuses situations; those dealing with stressful situations feel calmed by this employee becoming involved. Effectively diffuses hostile situations. 		